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Governor Ehrlich Reappoints Six to Maryland Circuit Court

ANNAPOLIS – Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. has reappointed six Circuit Court judges whose elected terms of office expired this November. They will serve until November, 2004, when they will stand for re-election to a new 15-year term of office.

“I am pleased to make these reappointments of Judges who have been determined by panels of lawyers and laypeople to be most qualified to serve,” said Governor Ehrlich. “I am confident each of the Judges will endeavor to further the best interests of our citizens and the judicial system during this next term.”

The Honorable Maurice W. Baldwin, Jr. is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Harford County. Prior to accepting the position of Circuit Court Judge in 1986, Judge Baldwin was a partner at the Bel Air law firm of Brown, Brown, Brown, Waldron and Baldwin. A Bel Air resident, Judge Baldwin earned his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1969.

The Honorable John Grason Turnbull, II is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Baltimore County. He was a partner in the law firm of Turnbull, Mix & Farmer from 1974 to 1986, at which time he accepted the position of Circuit Court Judge. A native of Sparks, he earned his J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1966. Judge Turnbull currently serves as Administrative Judge for the 3rd Judicial Circuit, which includes Baltimore and Harford Counties.

The Honorable Dana M. Levitz is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Baltimore County. Prior to accepting the position of Circuit Court Judge, he served in the Baltimore County State’s Attorney’s Office from 1975 to 1985. A native of Towson, he earned his J.D. cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1973.

The Honorable Graydon S. McKee, III is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County. Judge McKee was Associate Judge for the District Court of Maryland for Prince George’s County before accepting the position of Circuit Court Judge in 1987. A native of Upper Marlboro, Judge McKee earned his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1967.

The Honorable William D. Missouri is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County. Prior to accepting the position of Circuit Court Judge in 1988, he was Associate Judge for the District Court in Prince George's County. A native of Mitchellville, he earned his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1978. Judge Missouri currently serves as Administrative Judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit, which includes Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties.

The Honorable John N. Prevas is reappointed to the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Judge Prevas served in the Baltimore City State's Attorneys Office from 1972 to 1986 before accepting the position of Circuit Court Judge. A native of the City of Baltimore, he earned his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1971.

Under the terms of an Executive Order issued by the Governor, the Circuit Court Judges each go through the judicial nominating process, including interviews before the judicial nominating commissions in the relevant counties. Each of the six judges has been nominated and approved by the Governor. These are the first appointment actions to come through the judicial nominating process since Governor Ehrlich took office.

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